

B3 15. (Once amended) A fuel cell according to claim 1, wherein the number of projections arranged in each of the regions is different.

(Please add the following new claims:

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20. (New) A fuel cell comprising:  
a joint body produced by interposing an electrolyte member between a pair of electrodes;  
a separator which holds the joint body;  
a plurality of projections projecting from a bottom of the separator;  
a rib portion which divides an area where the projections project into a plurality of regions and forms a passage for fluid which flow through the separator,  
wherein the plurality of regions communicate with each other, and the plurality of projections within each of the plurality of regions are formed in a regular pattern across a width of each of the plurality of regions, and are formed in the same regular pattern across a length of each of the plurality of regions.

21. (New) A fuel cell according to claim 20, wherein the width of each of the plurality of regions is narrower than the width of its immediately upstream region.

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22. (New) The fuel cell according to claim 20, wherein a width of a turning passage between the end of the rib portion and an opposing peripheral wall of the separator is less than or equal to the width of the immediately upstream region.

23. (New) A fuel cell according to claim 22, wherein the width of each of the plurality of regions is narrower than the width of its immediately upstream region.

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24. (New) A fuel cell comprising:  
a joint body produced by interposing an electrolyte member between a pair of electrodes;  
a separator which holds the joint body;  
a plurality of projections projecting from a bottom of the separator;  
a plurality of rib portions which divide an area where the projections project into a plurality of regions and form a passage for fluid which flow through the separator,